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Preparing for Holy Week

By Pastor Heather Hill



Holy Week contains some of the most moving worship services in the Episcopal Church. If you have not attended these services in the past, I encourage you to join us for at least one of them. Each service during the

week takes on special significance based on the events of Jesus' last week.

Palm Sunday 8:30 and 10:30 AM services

Together we remember the crowds that cheered Jesus as he entered Jerusalem. How quickly the crowd would change to chanting "crucify him," as we also read through the passion story of Jesus' last few days.

Maundy Thursday 7 PM service

During this service we reenact Jesus' last night with his disciples through washing each other's feet and remembering His Last Supper. Finally we strip the altar and prepare for the somberness of Good Friday.

Good Friday 12 & 7 PM services

We recall Jesus' crucifixion and death through

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quiet readings and prayers.

Easter Vigil (Saturday) 7 PM

If you are looking for a way to sum up the entire history of God's salvation, this is it! We light the fire of salvation, recall the great deeds God has done throughout history (think great Old Testament stories), remember our calling in baptism, and finally celebrate the resurrection of Jesus!

Easter Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 AM services

We gather together to celebrate Jesus' resurrection and our salvation!

I hope you will join us during this most holy time of our church year!

Pastor Heather

The Bishop's Easter Retreat

Diocese of Ohio News

Where is God calling you? On Saturday, May 12, from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm, you are invited to join Bishop Hollingsworth for a day of quiet reflection. With brief meditations offered by the Bishop, participants will be able to set aside distractions and spend time in God's presence. It will be an opportunity to ask God about living out your calling as a Christian in the world. If we enter into this retreat with an open mind and spirit, it will be a time of renewal and refreshment. The retreat will take place at St. Barnabas Church, 468 Bradley Road, Bay Village. Participants may take advantage of the adjacent park. The cost is \$12, which includes a continental breakfast and lunch. To register, go to:

<http://bishopretreat.eventbrite.com>. If there are any questions, please contact the Rev. Vincent Black, Canon for Christian Formation at 216-774-0453 or vblack@dohio.org.

Lent invites us to take a closer look at



ourselves. It's by looking within ourselves that we begin to discern the many ways God is manifest in us.

- SAM PORTARO

It will be great to see some fellow parishioners at this significant spiritual event in our diocese. Let's make sure All Saints is well represented!

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

By Sandy Kynerd, Good Shepherd Teacher

The fifth and final Children's Eucharist was celebrated on Sunday March 25. Throughout Lent the children have learned and practiced the names and the uses for the many sacred vessels and linens that are used during the Eucharist. When helping to set the Lords table, the children prepared the cruets with water and wine and practiced bowing before God, the sign of the cross, the prayers and, yes, their AMEN's.

Please join us on Palm Sunday as they help Pastor Heather set the Lords table for all of us. You may just learn something new from these little ones.

Kids!!!!

Come join us for our Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday immediately following the 10:30 service. Outside weather permitting (inside if not)



Outreach Update

By Lisa Czerny

Report on the 2012 Outreach Program

The Outreach Committee's February project yielded 14 jars of jelly, 25 jars of peanut butter, and 2 cans of fruit. In addition, \$88.00 was collected via the Outreach envelopes in the pews. Thanks for your contributions!

In March we are collecting pasta, pasta sauce, and canned vegetables. All of the food collected the first three months of the year will go to struggling families in Parma. Money collected is used to buy grocery cards from the Emericks, which are used to buy more of these food items.

The Geranium sale is coming in April! All Saints supports the Parma Council PTA (PCPTA) scholarship fund through this sale. All money collected will be used to purchase red geraniums from PCPTA. The geraniums will decorate the sanctuary at Pentecost and will be subsequently planted in our flower beds by the Ames Road doors. There will be "geranium" envelopes in the pews that you can use to support this project.

See the February Outreach report for a full list of Outreach projects by month.

New Kiva Loan Supported

The All Saints Outreach Committee has invested \$25



Evelyn Palo, latest recipient of Kiva loan money from All Saints, at her fruit and vegetable market in the Phillipines.

in a third-world entrepreneur through Kiva. Evelyn Palo is a mother of 5 who makes her living in the Phillipines by buying and selling vegetables. This is Evelyn's sixteenth Kiva loan, and it has already been 20% repaid! All Saints has invested in four other entrepreneurs in impoverished nations. All previous investments have been repaid in full.

The function of prayer is not to influence God, but rather to change the nature of the one who prays.

- Søren Kierkegaard

My Lenten Journey

By Jeffrey Fowler

I tried something a little bit different for Lent this year. It was difficult for me to select a spiritual discipline. On Ash Wednesday I was leafing through my copy of *Forward Day by Day* and read through the Morning Resolve on the inside front cover. Part way through the first sentence I stopped cold:

"I will try this day to live a simple, sincere and serene life, repelling promptly every thought of discontent..."

This was it! Could I give up discontent for Lent? It should be easier than giving up sauerbraten with spaetzles, cabbage & noodles, and a pint of Warsteiner. Right?

Ha!

By the way, did I ever mention my weakness for German food? But I digress.

I quickly learned some things about giving up discontent. First of all, one never gives it up. My human nature is weak. The best I could do was to learn some ways to control it. The second thing I learned was that I had to be honest with myself. Discontent is very deceptive. There is always an object of my discontent, and it is often another person. When discontented the emotional feeling I have is that I cannot be truly happy until the other changes his/her behavior. It doesn't usually occur to me that my feelings and attitudes may be part of the problem.

Paul the apostle frequently wrote about discontent among people in the early churches. His prescription was to be merciful: to pray for one another, to love one another, to forgive one another. All of us are different, Paul pointed out,

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-JF

but all are members of the one body of Christ.

So I set about applying Paul's prescription for discontent to my daily life. When I became aware of feelings of discontent in my heart I prayed about them. This helped me to pinpoint the behavior that was driving me nuts. It also helped me to understand that I share, at least in part, responsibility for the feeling. Then I prayed again. I prayed first for removal of the discontentedness in myself. I can't remove the speck in your eye when there is a log in mine, right? I was surprised to learn that this was sometimes enough. There are occasions when discontent is entirely in my own heart, over something very petty. When I learn this the discontent melts away.

There are times, however, when a little more is needed. In cases like this I began to pray for the person whose behavior is aggravating me. I held the person up to God, loved them and prayed for them. If ready for it, I attempted to forgive them. I learned that I needed to do this day after day in order to reduce my discontent. In nearly all cases this worked. There are few genuinely grievous offences.

If none of the above worked, I talked with the person. But I found that I did this calmly and rationally, with love and hope for reconciliation. All of this came together for me a few weeks ago when I was sharing a grievance with Teresa. She looked at me and said simply, "So, when you pray for this person, what do you pray for?" And there it was. Everything I have learned through my journey in one simple sentence. For after all, it is always reconciliation that I desire.

The greatest benefit I found when I reduced discontent was increased peace of mind.

Baby Shower!



The Bulletin Board

The **Safeguarding God's Children** class, originally scheduled for March 10, has been postponed until after Easter. New date to be announced.

United Thank Offering boxes can be found in the Narthex. Please pick one up and offer thanks to God through regular modest donations. The Annual Ingathering is in September.

In April we are selling **geraniums** to support the Parma Council PTA scholarship fund. The geraniums will decorate the sanctuary during Pentecost and will be planted outside afterwards.

The **deadline for Carillon submissions** is the 21st of the preceding month (April submissions are due March 21st).

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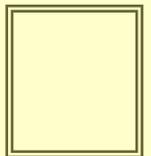
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April Events at All Saints

- Sun 1 Palm Sunday Service at 8:30 and 10:30 am
Senior Dinner at 1:00 pm
Second Sunday Service at 6:00 pm
"Women of the Passion"
- Tue 3 Outreach Meeting at 7:00 pm
- Thu 5 Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 pm
- Fri 6 Good Friday Services at 12:00 and 7:00 pm
- Sat 7 Easter Vigil at 7:00 pm
- Sun 8 Easter Sunday Services at 8:30 and 10:30 am
- Wed 11 Holy Eucharist at 10:00 am
Bible Study at 11:00 am and 7:00 pm
- Sun 15 Holy Eucharist at 8:30 and 10:30 am
- Tue 17 Vestry Meeting 7:00 pm
- Wed 18 Holy Eucharist at 10:00 am
Bible Study at 11:00 am and 7:00 pm
- Sun 22 Holy Eucharist at 8:30 and 10:30 am
- Wed 25 Holy Eucharist at 10:00 am
Bible Study at 11:00 am and 7:00 pm
- Sun 29 Holy Eucharist at 8:30 and 10:30 am

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